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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on October 5, 2000, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention, each of which was cited in a Combined Search and Examination Report (copy enclosed) issued March 7, 2001, with respect to counterpart United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 0016546.4:

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European Patent Application No. EP 0697793 A2, published February 21, 1996, was cited as an "A" category document (i.e., document indicating technological background and/or state of the art) with respect to the United Kingdom Application. In particular, the abstract was identified as relevant.

International (PCT) Patent Application No. WO 98/17063 A1, published April 23, 1998, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to the United Kingdom Application. In particular, the abstract was identified as relevant.

International (PCT) Patent Application No. WO 97/29591 A1, published August 14, 1997, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to the United Kingdom Application. In particular, the abstract and page 7, lines 6-9 were identified as relevant.

International (PCT) Patent Application No. WO 96/21284 A1, published July 11, 1996, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to the United Kingdom Application. In particular, the abstract and page 3, lines 7-18 were identified as relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 5,703,795 to MANKOVITZ, issued December 30, 1997, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to the United Kingdom Application. In particular, columns 7-9, 13, 14, and 17 were identified as relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 5,438,355 to PALMER, issued August 1, 1995, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to the United Kingdom Application. In particular, the whole document were identified as relevant.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above-noted documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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